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OF DEA FROM BOLIVIA

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(C) On November 13, Poloff met with MFA Desk Officer for the Americas, Nicos Panayi, to deliver reftel demarche regarding the November 1 announcement by President Evo Morales that he was suspending the operations of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Bolivia. Panayi stated that Cyprus would take reftel points under consideration and should this issue come up at any upcoming meetings in Brussels, Cyprus would bear USG concerns in mind. Panayi stated that combating the drug trade is an issue of the utmost importance for the EU and Cyprus, and they would welcome all efforts to fight the problem at its roots. Panayi stressed that Cyprus particularly hopes to see countries within Latin America strengthen their regional cooperation to combat narcotics production and trafficking.
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